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TITLE : HOT ROLLED HIGH STRENGTH STEEL SHEET EXCELLENT IN FORMABILITY, LOW TEMPERATURE TOUGHNESS AND FATIGUE PROPERTY

ABSTRACT : PURPOSE: To stably produce a hot rolled high strength steel sheet excellent in formability, low temp. toughness and fatigue properties at a low cost.

CONSTITUTION: This steel sheet has a compsn. contg., as chemical components, by weight, 0.05 to <0.25% C, 0.5 to 3.5% Si+Al, 0.5 to 3.5% Mn,  $\leq 0.05\%$  P,  $\leq 0.01\%$  S and Fe as essential components, has a microstructure of three phases of ferrite, bainite and retained austenite as main phases, in which the content of ferrite having  $\geq 150$  Vickers hardness and  $\leq 5\mu\text{m}$  grain size is regulated to  $\geq 50\%$  and the content of retained austenite having  $\geq 0.9\%$  carbon concn. and  $\leq 2\mu\text{m}$  grain size is regulated to  $\geq 5\%$  and has characteristics of tensile strength (TS)=490 to 1180MPa, the balance of strength-ductility (tensile strength  $\times$  total elongation) of  $\geq 20000$  (Mpa.%), the balance of strength-stretch flanging properties (tensile strength  $\times$  bore expanding ration  $\geq 75000$  (MPa.%), fracture appearance transition temp. of  $\leq -40^\circ\text{C}$  and fatigue limit ratio of  $\geq 0.45$ .

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